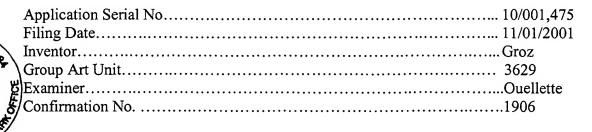
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RESPONSE TO NON- FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action of February 24, 2006, please consider the following submission that includes new arguments in support of patentability.

The claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Claims 1--23 have been previously presented.

Claims 24-27 have been canceled.

Claims 28-41 have been previously presented.

Accordingly, claims 1-23 and 28-41 are pending in the application.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application: